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Reshaping Public Health

Joint Conference on Health, 10-06-09

OUTLINE

- Where are we now?
- How are we going to get there???
- What do we want as an outcome?

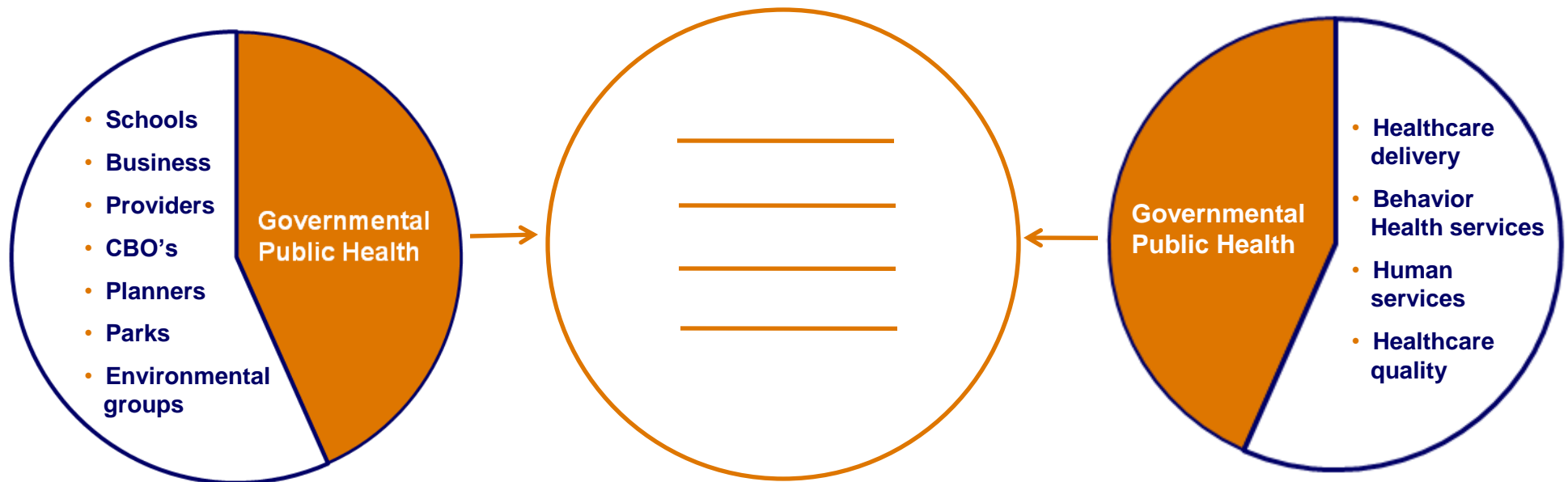


WHO ARE WE?

- The governmental public health system in Washington State
 - Department of Health
 - Local Health Jurisdictions

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Governmental public health functions in a changing environment



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Governmental public health functions in a changing environment

- Prevent and Control Communicable Disease
- Promote Healthy Family Development
- Environmental Health
- Prevent Chronic Disease and Disability
- Promote Health and Wellness
- Assess Local Health conditions
- Access to Quality Health Care
- Emergency Preparedness/ Response

THE PRESENT: PRESSURE FOR CHANGE

- Budget reductions on almost all fronts
- H1N1
- New administration
- Accountability and documentation – voluntary accreditation
- Other – healthcare reform?

NOW IS THE TIME FOR LEADERSHIP

- We can help **shape** our future... to a certain extent
- We have a governmental public health system that works together
- Can we use the current fiscal crisis as an opportunity?

TOGETHER WE CAN RESHAPE THE GOVERNMENTAL PUBLIC HEALTH SYSTEM

- ‘Shape up call to action’
- What is both essential and urgent?
- What ways and opportunities we have to reshape public health together?

WHERE DO WE START?

- Data
- Statutory authority
- Principles
- Political environment
- Priorities
- Common vocabulary

TO WHAT END???

- System is aligned to emphasize population-based approaches
- Prevention and promotion are the cornerstone of our work
- We have strong and vital community partners
- Health equity is a reality
- The services we provide are the right ones for our communities

HOW WILL WASHINGTON STATE BE BETTER A DECADE FROM NOW?

- Through our leadership and actions
 - We will prevent and rapidly respond to community health threats
 - Our communities will have safe food and water
 - Washingtonians will be healthier and healthcare costs will be reduced

NEXT STEPS

- Join the **conversations**
- Participate with the Secretary of Health to **reshape** the governmental public health system
- Lead/join the WSALPHO efforts
- Lead/join the local health efforts
- Other **ideas?**

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